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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

George J. Letscher

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita et al (US 5,063,548).

The aforementioned claims recite the following features, inter alia, disclosed in Yamashita et al (US 5,063,548): an isolation apparatus for a pickup head in an optically readable storage apparatus having a chassis, a spindle motor and sled motor, a pickup head (34) supported by two shafts and a motor, the isolation apparatus comprising an integrally formed insulating sheath (48) wrapping around each end of the two support shafts (38) for isolating interference between the pickup head and the motor. The size of the insulating sheath matches a size of the support shaft for tightly wrapping around the end of support shafts.

Regarding claim 1, Yamashita et al do not show its insulating sheath comprising at least four insulating sheaths. Regarding claim 5, Yamashita et al do not expressly show a grounding part of the spindle motor, sled motor and pickup head coupled to the chassis.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have furnished the isolation apparatus for a pickup head having an insulating sheath as taught by Yamashita et al with the sheath having at least four insulating sheath members. The

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rationale is as follows: one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to have furnished the isolation apparatus for a pickup head having an insulating sheath as taught by Yamashita et al with the sheath having at least four insulating sheath members since it has been held that mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. St. Regis Paper Co. v. Bemis Co., 193 USPQ 8 (7th Cir. 1977).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the isolation apparatus for a pickup head having an insulating sheath as taught by Yamashita et al with a grounding part of the spindle motor, sled motor and pickup head coupled to the chassis since one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to ground these components since without grounding, the apparatus would not have operated properly because of stray electrical signals which would have damaged the apparatus.

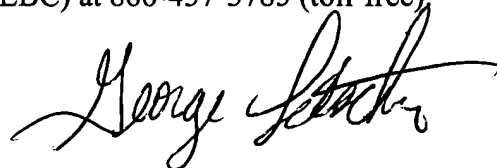
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George J. Letscher whose telephone number is 571-272-7591. The examiner can normally be reached on a Conventional work schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Letscher", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Primary Examiner
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